

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1062  
By Ramsey

A RESOLUTION relative to signage for the City of Bristol on  
Interstate Highway 81.

WHEREAS, existing signage on Interstate Highway 81 designates Exit 74 in Tennessee and Exits 1, 3, 5 and 7 in Virginia as Bristol exits; and

WHEREAS, the only destination currently included on the Interstate Guide signage on Interstate Highway 81 at Exit 69 (State Route 394) is Blountville; and

WHEREAS, the corporate limits of the City of Bristol are within 1.6 miles of Exit 69 as measured along State Route 394; and

WHEREAS, existing signage on both Interstate Highway 81 approaches to Exit 69 designate such interchange as the primary route to Bristol Motor Speedway, which is located within the City of Bristol's corporate limits; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bristol is designated as a Control City for Interstate signage; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Department of Transportation regulations (Part X, Tennessee Supplement to the *Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices*, Section A, State of Tennessee Policy on Guide Signs on Freeways and Expressways) indicate that Bristol is eligible to be included as a destination on Exit 69 signage under Section 10A-2; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Transportation has not granted previous requests to add Bristol as a destination to existing Exit 69 signage on Interstate Highway 81; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that the Department of Transportation is directed to add appropriate language and/or symbols to include the City of Bristol as a destination on existing signage for Exit 69

(State Route 394), both northbound and southbound, on Interstate Highway 81 in Sullivan County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Transportation is directed to erect and maintain a sign bearing the language "BRISTOL NEXT 6 INTERCHANGES" on Interstate Highway 81 northbound between Exit 66 and Exit 69 at a location consistent with current Federal Highway Administration and Tennessee Department of Transportation regulations to complement similar signage already in place on Interstate Highway 81 southbound in Virginia.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the erection or modification of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the *Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices*.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall become operative only if the Federal Highway Administrator advises the Commissioner of Transportation in writing that the provisions of this resolution shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an enrolled copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of Transportation.